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TO Chief, EE
Attn:

FROM Chief of Station, Vienna

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/GROOVY
SPECIFIC GROSSBAHN AA-8 Visit of 29 December 1955

Reference: EAVA-12428 6-6-8-138

Meeting Arrangements

1. At 1700 hours on 28 December 1955, I went to the Vienna home of GROSSBAHN AA-8's parents, hoping to find the former agent in. In November, his mother had said that he would be in Vienna between Christmas and New Year's. Unfortunately, he was out to a movie. I promised to return the next day at 1700 hours.

2. Instead I came the next day at 1400 hours and did find GROSSBAHN AA-8 at home. I had his small son along with him. The child cannot talk, so there was no great security risk.

Operational

3. I first apologized for not seeing GROSSBAHN AA-8 in October and making him go so long without money. I said he had been out of town. Actually, he had avoided seeing the agent so as not to have to give him AS 10,000 to throw away on a motor scooter. (We knew from I that the agent would be called into the Army soon as an officer, although he himself did not realize it and wanted to buy the scooter and become a salesman.) GROSSBAHN AA-8 was satisfied with the explanation.

4. The agent said he was well adjusted to military life and enjoyed it very much. He is a Rittmeister and will soon take over the company he is in. His salary after taxes is about AS 2800 in cash, plus free room and board, so he is very well off. He pays AS 700 a month for the support of his two children.

5. The agent and his wife are now formally divorced, and she has married her paramour, by whom she has one child. GROSSBAHN AA-8 insists he is perfectly reconciled to all this. He sees his former wife occasionally

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and is on friendly terms with her. He can see the children whenever he wants.

Administrative

6. He agreed with [] that it would be foolish to spend the AS 10,000 on a motor scooter. Instead he will save it in a postal savings account. We arranged that [] would draw up a quit claim and give it to his mother to mail to him in a registered letter. He would sign it and mail it back to his mother. [] will then pick it up and pay his mother the money to be deposited to his account.

7. [] explained that the quit claim was a requirement and that it would close out our responsibility for him. He agreed. [] added that we might look in on him from time to time to see how he is making out. On the spot, [] gave him a present of AS 2000, for which he receipted.

Security

8. GROSSBAHN AA-8 has not been contacted by the Soviets at any time since his release.

Future Plans

9. GROSSBAHN AA-8 will probably stay indefinitely in Carinthia, instead of being transferred to Vienna. [] confirmed this on 2 January 1956.) We have, therefore, little or no operational interest in him. We could, of course, contact him at any time should the need arise. How he would react to a pitch would depend on the political situation in Austria at the time. The man himself is well disposed toward KUBARK.

Note

10. On 2 January 1956, [] filled agent [] URE in on the details of the disposal of GROSSBAHN AA-8 and asked him to keep an eye on the man. If he ever got in any kind of trouble, we might be in a position to help him. [], of course, headed the chain in which GROSSBAHN AA-8 once worked as an order of battle collector and has been kept informed of our handling of the GROSSBAHN AA-8 disposal.

— [] —
3 January 1956

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